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Title: Repatriation of women employees in Jordan due to the closure of a garment factory.

DR. K.S. MANOJ (ALLEPPEY): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to raise a matter of urgent public importance regarding the repatriation of the Indian workers, including women, held up in Jordan. More than two Indian citizens, including women, who were working in a garment factory at Jordan are being held up there. It is informed that the garment factory, in which they were working, was closed down by the Jordan Government due to failure in payment of taxes by the management of the said company. Their immigration documents and other work permits were with the employer. So, these workers are being detained there.

Out of these 200 workers from India, there are 60 workers from Kerala and two of them belong to my constituency. Their names are Smt. Kunjumol Saji, a tailor and Omana Marcose, an electric embroidery worker.

I would urge upon the Government, the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Overseas Affairs to kindly take necessary steps in the matter and direct the Indian Embassy there to repatriate all these Indian workers who are detained there in Jordan.